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What Is Happening?

Largely because of the war, many changes have taken place in the ordinary methods of doing business. Some of these changes have come about by the natural course of events, and others have been instituted by the government. Of these many changes, there are two very important ones that have occurred within the past two months. They are important because they can have a great effect upon every person who is employed in manufacturing cotton-textiles. In describing these changes, there is also given some of the background behind each of them, so that you can better understand the whole picture.

For a long number of years, the quantity of cotton produced by American cotton farmers was far greater than the country could use, and greater than could be sold to other countries in other parts of the world. This meant that the farmers had a hard time getting a fair price for this raw cotton. The government devised a way to make sure that the farmer could get a fair price, and instituted what are called "parity" payments for raw cotton.

In short, by offering parity payments the government agreed to loan each farmer a certain amount of money on the cotton that he produced in a given year. The amount of this loan was determined by using a theoretical parity figure which was to represent a balance between the price he received for his crops, and the prices he paid for goods for his household—things such as automobiles, paint, clothing, food, etc., as an average over the years 1909 to 1914. It was felt that by loaning the farmer sufficient money on his crop, he would be able to buy the sheets, shoes, and household equipment that he couldn't afford when prices for his cotton were too low.

Congress passed the bill permitting these parity payments to farmers. Up until May of this year, the loan that a farmer could get from the government was equal to 52% of the theoretical parity price. Then in May of this year, Congress passed a bill increasing the loan to 85% of the theoretical parity figure. This meant, for example, that if the parity price for cotton was 15 cents a pound, the farmer could secure from the government a loan of 12.75 cents on each pound of cotton that he produced. (12.75 cents is 85% of 15 cents).

By offering to loan farmers this amount of money on their crops, naturally the price that cotton-textile manufacturers would have to pay to get this cotton would approach the loan value. Farmers naturally wouldn't want to sell their cotton for much lower than the loan value, because they could be sure of getting at least this price from the government in the form of a loan. If farmers do not redeem the loan that they get, then the cotton passes into possession of the government—the government actually buys the cotton at the loan value.

It is not hard to see, therefore, that the increase in the loan value of raw cotton has increased the price of cotton in the past few months to quite a large degree. And because the cost of raw cotton is about

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BUYERS TAKE TRIP TO BIDDEFORD AND LEWISTON

Probably for the first time in the history of the Biddeford and Lewiston mills, Pepperell brought together all types of buyers of its products where they inspected two of the company's plants and were entertained by officials of the concern and the sales division. These men represented many of the chain stores, department stores, retail and wholesale houses in the country. The party consisted of 65 buyers and 12 salesmen, representing nearly all sections of the country ranging from Seattle, Washington, to the New England States.

Favorable Impression Made by Employees

Special guests included Harry Matter, president of the Wholesale Dry Goods Institute; and Harry Riemer, Editor of the New York Daily News Record. They, like all the others, were favorably impressed with the magnitude of the plants, the many operations required to produce our products, cleanliness, and the simplified control of the flow of the product. Running true to form, these buyers were very observing on the tour and many times mentioned the well-groomed, energetic and cooperative personnel at our plants.

Highlights from Observation

All the men were extremely interested in all the phases of production, but at the Lewiston bleachery they showed particular interest in the calendar machines and the sewing machines in the sheet factory. At Biddeford their interest was discernible in the weaving process, especially in the blanket division where designs and figures are woven into the fabric. The beautiful array of colors in the blanket cloth room also commanded their attention.

The visit of these buyers will do much toward promoting more orders for our company for they have personally contacted many of our personnel, have seen where the products were made and have better acquainted themselves with the various operations.

Several of the buyers and Pepperell representatives at a luncheon during their visit to Lewiston and Biddeford. Left to right, Henry Lytle of Pepperell, Mr. John Boyle of C. F. Hovey Co., of Boston, Mr. Restall of Magrane's, Lynn, Mr. R. W. Freeman of Pepperell, Mr. Charles Risley of the Shepard Stores, Providence, R. I., Mr. James Hagan, Jordan Marsh Co., Boston.

Itinerary of Our Guests

The out-of-state party arrived at Portland early Thursday morning on June 26th and was conveyed to the Poland Spring House by bus to register and enjoy breakfast. Later they were taken to the Lewiston bleachery and were conducted through the plant by Mr. Harrison. Luncheon was served at Poland Springs and the afternoon was spent in playing golf and in other recreation until the special banquet in honor of the visitors in the evening. The following morning they journeyed to Biddeford as guests of the mill management and were conducted through the various departments. Luncheon was served at Libby's in Wells before going over the road to Boston to board the New York boat at 5:30.

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Don Schufeldt of Lewiston peering into the motor of his plane to make sure there is no water condensation. This is an essential act of precaution if the plane has been grounded for 12 hours or more. This yellow Cub plane is "drawn by fifty horses." Story on page six.

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HECTOR POITRAS GETS IMPORTANT PROMOTION

Hector Poitras, who has been in textiles for 29 years, was promoted to overseer of the blanket weave room at Biddeford. His eleven inventions for loom attachments are working very satisfactorily.

This magazine is proud to announce that Hector Poitras who was second hand has been promoted to overseer of blanket weaving and slashing in Biddeford. For over 29 years he has been in textiles and has gained a wide knowledge in the field.

Hector was born in Ware, Massachusetts, and came to Saco when a boy in his teens, receiving his schooling in the public schools there. His first job was in the York mills as bobbin boy in the weave room and he worked his way through many of the departments. He was a loomfixer when he resigned to accept a similar occupation with Pepperell when the blanket division was moved here.

Has Eleven Inventions Operating

For the past eight years, he has efficiently handled the position of second hand during which time he has invented eleven different attachments to go on looms. Each of the blanket looms has these attachments and all are working satisfactorily. One of these is the "overhead cam" which can weave a two harness; 4 harness, 2/2 twill; 4 harness double face twill with not more than five minutes required to change from one to the other. These are all the changes that are required at the present time but more combinations may be had if necessary.

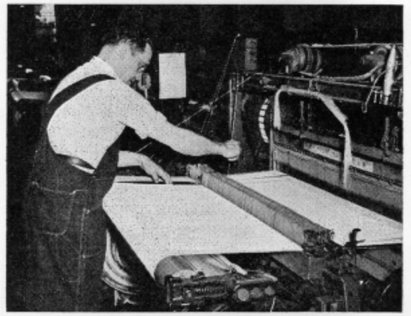
White Bobbins to Have Chalk Mark

He invented another device for a cam loom to weave two designs on the same loom, each with two colors and having the loom automatically start with the correct color. This could be achieved by competitors by using a designing chain 25 feet or more in length, whereas his invention uses a chain five feet long. Another thought which Hector made into a reality was a triple clutch on a loom controlling the color for the correct location. At the present time he is working on a chalk marker to be used on the white bobbins on the Hacoba winders. There are a half dozen or more types of white yarn on bobbins, all white of course and they look alike, but each is of different construction. This little invention as simple as it may seem, allows the operatives to keep the bobbins in their respective locations as each bobbin will have its definite color chalk mark to serve as a label.

There are seven other major inventions that have been attached to the blanket looms but are too complicated to explain. Like many of our employees, he too has a hobby and it is selling real estate with, at the present time, 150 house lots listed in his little red book. Mr. Poitras is married and resides at 35 Rumery Street in Saco.

J. H. Strait Accepts Call to South

J. Harmon Strait, who had been overseer of weaving and slashing since October 1937, resigned his position on July 15th to accept a similar position with the Pacific Mills at Columbia, S. C., his native state. For the past two years, he had been overseeing the blanket weaving and was instrumental in making several machinery changes beneficial to the company. His complete biography may be found in the April 1940 issue of the Sheet.



Joseph Banville, weaver, has been employed at Pepperell's Fall River Plant for eight years. He is tying in one of the 5,000 warp threads on a rayon loom. Like all other looms, when one of the warp threads break, the loom automatically stops.

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WHAT CHANGES WILL THE WAR BRING TO NEW ENGLAND?

Great Effects Can Result From Present Events

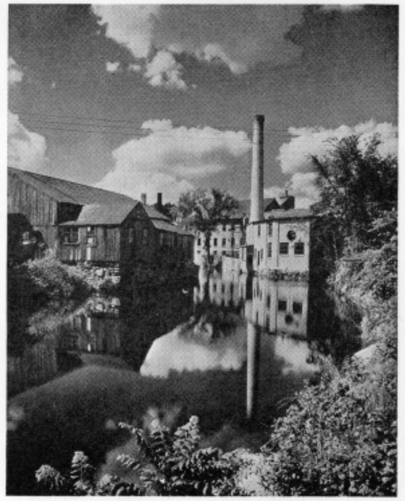
Way up in the right-hand corner of the United States, the six New England States have problems at the present time that are peculiarly their own, and that they on their own part will have to solve.

The entire population of New England is about eight million people, out of a total population of 130,000,000 in the whole country. But in this section, a very large part of the important manufacturing industry of the whole country is located. New England hasn't got any great steel mills, any great farms, nor has it any substantial natural resources, such as supplies of coal, oil, iron, or even a vast amount of fertile land. It has been for years a section that depended more upon the skill of its people for its survival than upon the land itself.

New England Depends on Industry

Just how important industry is to New England is evident whenever a person may drive through practically any part of the section. Nearly every town is built around a factory, or several factories. Perhaps they are making cotton textiles, perhaps linoleum, or textile machinery, or parts for airplane engines. With hardly an exception, every city or town throughout New England depends upon some manufacturing activity for its livelihood. The only exceptions are those towns in Aroostook County where the potato crop is the main support of the people, in sections of New Hampshire and Vermont where dairying is important, and in parts of the Connecticut valley where tobacco raising supplies the livelihood of the people. Fishing villages along the coast also can exist without manufacturing activity, but they are relatively few.

Even though there are many people in New England who don't work in factories or mills, by far the greatest numbers of people in the New England area get their living from the industries in or around the towns where they live. Compared with the United States as a whole, in New England twice the average of the people in the whole country are wage earners, and depend upon mills and factories for their sole support. In other words, New England has twice as many of its people dependent upon industry for their work than is true of the rest of the country taken as an average.



Typical of a New England industrial town where mills are largely the entire support of the people is this view of Stafford Springs, Conn., showing a woolen mill on Willimantic River.

Because New England is primarily dependent upon industry for its support, the present war is extremely important to every person who lives in New England. War brings many changes and it is certain that New England will have to face these drastic changes just as soon as, and perhaps before, any other parts of the country. Industry is deeply affected not only by war itself, but equally by those conditions that follow a war, and the effects have a bearing upon all the people who are employed in any kind of industry.

Not Fitted for Agriculture

There is one thing certain, and that is that New England cannot look to agriculture to provide support for its people if industry finds the going hard. There is not enough land, and there is not the right kind of land or climate to provide large or profitable farms. There are too many other sections in the United States where all kinds of crops can be grown far cheaper than in New England to make it possible for New England to become an agricultural producer of any size.

Many of these other areas in the country where agriculture is important to the people, also have large industrial developments. In the South for

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New England's meat supplies come almost entirely from the West, typified by this scene in Findlay, Ohio, showing Hereford steers, which have been raised for beef.

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instance, in such states as North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, there is not only a predominant interest in raising corn, cotton and other crops, but there has also been great industrial development in these states during the past fifteen years. Not only have many cotton mills been started in those states, but as a result of the war many other kinds of industries, in direct competition with those in New England, have been built. These sections have an interest which is divided between industry and farming, and although industry has grown fast in these states during the last fifteen years, farming is still the major support for the people.

Raw Materials Essential to Industry

This is, of course, totally different from New England. This section was an agricultural area only when its population was far smaller than it is today, and when there was enough land to provide the farm produce to support this small number of people.

There are many other reasons why New England industry and its people must watch closely all the changes that the war can bring about. One of the most important is that New England is far from self-sufficient, not only in its food supply, but in practically all the raw materials that are needed by its industries and people in the normal course of living and of business. The recent possibility of a shortage of oil has made this more apparent than it has ever been before.

Many Products Imported from the West

New England has to import all of its coal, and a great amount of the electric power generated in New England is dependent upon coal. It has to import practically all of its grain for cattle and farming, and the dairy industry of New England is dependent upon this grain to feed its cattle. There would be a drastic shortage of milk and butter if grains could not reach this section.

Although New England has a good stand of timber, a very great volume of lumber for building comes from the West Coast of the United States and from the South. Paper-making in New England, one of its most important industries, depends to a great extent upon forests outside of New England for raw materials in making pulp and paper. The shoe industry has to get its hides from other sections of the country, and from some foreign countries. The cotton industry must get its cotton entirely from outside of New England, and the wool textile industry receives its supplies of wool from the West, from Australia and from South America.

Greatly Affected by Supply Changes

There is hardly an industry in New England that has a sufficient supply of raw materials close at hand, and this is as true of the metal industries as it is of cotton-textile manufacturing.

Add all these things together—the fact that New England is primarily and dominantly an industrial section, that it cannot become an important agricultural section, and that its industries depend upon

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Grain comes via steamer as an important food product for New England, and the East. This ship is on the Maumee River, with Toledo, Ohio, in the background.

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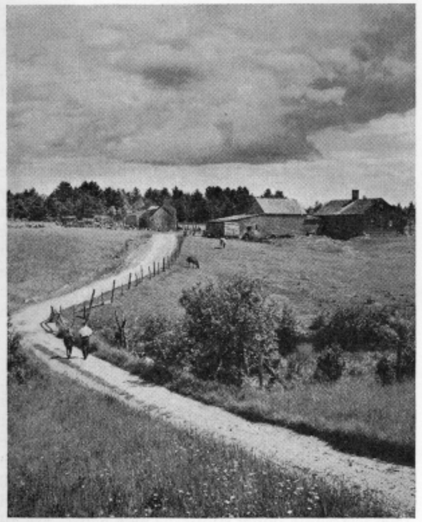
outside sources for all of their raw materials—and it's not hard to see that this section can be greatly affected by any changes in raw material supplies that are altered by the war. It is also clear that because industry is such a vitally important part of the welfare of the people of New England, all means possible to maintain and stimulate this industry must be found.

Every Person's Duty Is to Help

If industry in New England flourishes, then all of New England benefits. Only when industry is busy and well conducted is it possible for the people of New England to secure the raw materials, the food, the grains, the oil and power that they need. If the people here aren't able to buy these things, then they'll be shipped to areas where the people will buy them, and New England will do without. Hardly a person can doubt that the real future of this section and of its people is tied more closely to the success of its industry than is true of the future of any other section of the country. Every person, whatever his or her job, can help to build New England by making better products than can be made anywhere else, by making them at prices that are attractive to the largest number of buyers, and by sincerely keeping this objective in mind day after day.



A typical New England farm is a beautiful place, such as this one shown here near Kennebunkport, Maine, but the New England soil and land doesn't lend itself to fertile agricultural production.

A wheat farm in the Middle West where hundreds of acres are planted in wheat and the production of grain is largely shipped to Eastern centers to be used by people in the East and New England.

LEWISTON PEOPLE TO HOLD OUTING AND FIELD DAY

Employees of our Lewiston plant are looking forward with a great deal of eagerness to the big outing and field day which is to be held at Bear Pond, Turner, on Saturday, August 16. The affair is being sponsored by the newly formed Foremen's Club and these gentlemen have left no stone unturned to make it a huge success.

Transportation, box lunches and tonics will be furnished without cost to those attending and there will be an ample supply to satisfy the most ravenously hungry or thirsty.

All Sorts of Contests Planned

Softball and baseball games, tug-of-war contests, running and jumping races and all sorts of water sports for both men and women will be staged and already a keen rivalry has sprung up between the different groups who plan to take part in these contests. To the winners, worth while prizes will be given and a grand prize will be awarded to the holder of the lucky attendance ticket.

General chairman Howard Call has been assisted by the following committees: Transportation: William MacFarlane, Rosaire Vaillancourt and John Simard. Food: William McCarthy, Frank Wellman and Thomas Meehan. Games: Herbert Hamilton, Richard Wells, Palmer Sadler, Joseph Gastonguay and Joseph Gorman. Prizes: J. Albert Baker and John Crowley.

Lewiston employees are bubbling over with enthusiasm and are looking forward to one of the most enjoyable of already famous Pepperell sponsored affairs.

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WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE, LEWISTON'S DON SCHUFELDT FLIES

He's Working Toward Being a Cadet

Cracker barrel philosophers at the turn of the century claimed no iron engine could fly. Since Orville Wright's flight at Kitty Hawk, aviation has made rapid strides forward so that today, America's chance of achieving tremendous air power is all important to its defense.

As important as the ships are the men who fly them. Experienced men have to learn, and Donald Schufeldt, who is employed at the Lewiston Bleachery, is learning now. Don was born in Lewiston, attended public schools and took two years of electrical engineering. He has been with Pepperell for the past six years and is now employed as marker in the shipping room. Always interested in aviation, Don built model planes of bamboo before the present craze of model plane building became evident. Last year he came in second in the state model plane flying contest.

One of 13 in Graduating Class

He became interested in the Civilian Pilot Training Program and joined it with 35 others. The seven weeks' ground course was on a competitive basis, with the five top ranking men receiving a free course of 35 hours of actual flying time. Don was one of these five, receiving 98 on the test. There were 13 in the graduating class, though Don says this doesn't mean a thing as far as superstition is concerned. After a thorough physical examination given by a Civil Aeronautics Authority physician, he with eleven others formed a club, purchased a 50 horse power, 1200 pound Cub plane at a cost of $2200.

Mr. Schufeldt's work at the bleachery is in the shipping room. In his right hand is an order for sheets to be sent to Kansas City, and in his left hand is a group of stencils, one of which will be used to mark the carton of goods. There are over 5,000 stencils in this case and he can select an average of three a minute.

Looking down on the bleachery from a height of 1,100 feet. This picture not only shows the size of the bleachery, but the horseshoe shape of the railroad that is being laid. In the center is the 203 foot boiler stack. Photographed from Don Schufeldt's plane by your editor.

Basic Subjects in Aviation

There are three fundamental subjects in aviation, namely: to know how to fly, navigation and meteorology, each having many subdivisions. Knowing how to fly is knowing the plane; navigation is a science similar to that used to set courses for steamships; and meteorology is the study of weather —being able to recognize the many types of clouds and to study the relative humidity and temperature, making sure not to fly when these form fog. All tests are supervised by Federal Government.

Though this plane does not contain all the instruments of a flying fortress it does have the essential equipment to make for good flying. This plane that patrols the sky over Lewiston nearly every night and week ends, has a joy stick used for a stabilizer; the rudder which is controlled by the feet; an altitude clock; a temperature gauge which shows that this plane was running about the same as an automobile; an air speedometer; oil gauge; tachometer, which shows the engine revolution in hundreds; throttle; stabilizer setter and compass.

Every Pilot Must Know the C.A.R.

There are over 150 rules set up by the C. A. R. (Civilian Air Rules) and each one of these must be observed. A few of the simple ones are that a pilot must approach an airport on the left; he must taxi his plane on the left of the runway; keep his plane 1000 feet or more over a city, 300 feet over water, 500 feet over country territory and 1500 feet while doing stunts. These figures are all minimum distances.

Don easily passed the rigid physical examination,

When Don and his passengers are directly over the bleachery, and look to the West, this is the view they see. Running diagonally across the picture is the Androscoggin River, with the Main Street bridge between Auburn and Lewiston in the left of the picture. In the upper left is Lake Auburn.

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his 35 hours of flying time and has received his private pilot's license which permits him to fly anywhere in the United States. He has made several trips to Boston and flew over the O-9 submarine disaster to get a first hand account of operations.

All Pepperell Folk Wish Him Well

Though plane flying is now his hobby, Don intends to make it his livelihood. His ambition is to join the Flying Cadets, who are selected by means of exacting physical and technical standards, and serve Uncle Sam in making America impregnable in the air. Should he fail, though, the Bleachery folks have all faith in him, after he has had 200 hours in the air to his credit, he may ask for a commercial pilot's license, and fly the air lanes in serving this country in another capacity.

A partial view of the newly surfaced Auburn-Lewiston Airport. Between the airplane struts may be seen one of the new Douglas planes of the N.E.A. The wing of Don's plane served as a sunshade for the camera lens.

WILLIAM OOTHOUT IS NEW FALL RIVER OVERSEER

William Oothout has recently been appointed overseer of the weave room in B mill at Fall River to succeed Max Erlbeck, who retired on July 3rd. Mr. Oothout was born in Paterson, N. J. but his family moved to New Bedford when he was two years of age.

Sailed the Seven Seas

After being graduated from New Bedford High School, the lure of adventure raced through his veins, so he hopped on board the Gothic Prince, a tramp steamer and went around the world. He has returned with a bag full of facts and good stories of the voyage and easily entertains his friends by relating them.

For a few years he secured employment in Ohio only to return to New Bedford, his native town by adoption, and worked as a weaver in the Wamsutta Mills for a decade. Later he went to the Kendall Mills, started up a weave room and was promoted to overseer of weaving and slashing, a position he held for five years, or until this concern moved their mills to the South. Gaining considerable experience in the previous fifteen years, he was asked to accept the position of overseer of weaving with the Joseph Bancroft Co. of Reading, Pa., manufacturers of sheeting, drills and shade cloth.

Being a New Englander, he longed to return to the northeast and again mingle with the people he understands so well. Therefore he has a double pleasure in returning to New England and to accept the overseer position with Pepperell.

The Sheet takes this opportunity to welcome him and wish him all success in his new duties. He is married, has four children and the family resides on Shawmut Street, Fall River.

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ST. MARY'S PARISH IN BIDDEFORD HAS GROWN FAST SINCE IT WAS ORIGINALLY FOUNDED

This view shows the entrance to St. Mary's Church of splendid Gothic architecture which was dedicated on August 15, 1926. The building, constructed of light buff brick, is 171 feet long and 66 feet wide, and seats 1,000 parishioners on the main floor and 100 in the gallery. Many employees of Pepperell attend services here.

OVER 86 YEARS OF SOUND AND DEVOTED GROWTH

Much of our present knowledge of the early history of the Roman Catholic church in Maine comes to us through tradition, but there are certain statements and facts to complete definite records.

It is recorded that Right Reverend Benedict Fenwick of Boston visited Saco on August 15, 1825, and celebrated Mass in a home on upper Main Street. So far as known, it was the first Mass celebrated in this section of Maine.

Mass in Pepperell Office Hall

In 1850, the Irish settlers became so numerous that religious services were held as often as once a month. Later, Mass was celebrated regularly on

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The Sisters of Mercy, who taught in the new school, first occupied the residence at the corner of Elm and St. Mary Streets as a convent. Shortly after, this beautiful convent was erected adjacent to the school.

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the second floor of our present Biddeford office, which was a hall at the time. But this proved too small to hold the increasing congregation and Mass was held each Sunday in the hall of the original city building.

Soon after Bishop Bacon had taken charge of the diocese of Portland (which was separated from that of Boston in 1855), a new parish was established in Biddeford under the title "St. Mary's of the Assumption" and Rev. Thomas Kenney was appointed parish priest. It was he who erected the original St. Mary's church. Not possessed with a robust constitution, within two years after his coming to Biddeford, he died in 1857.

New Rectory Built

Succeeding him through the years were Rev. Bacon, Rev. Vetromile, Rev. Picard, Rev. Muller and Rev. Bartley who had as assistant and co-worker, Father Ponsardin, a French priest who was acting rector of the French contingent. Rev. John Brady was appointed pastor after Father Bartley was transferred to other fields. In April 1870, the French parishioners were separated from St. Mary's parish and formed St. Joseph's, with Father Ponsardin as pastor. In 1886, Father Brady erected the present rectory of St. Mary's.

Father Linehan Arrives

On August 18, 1890, Rev. Timothy Linehan came to St. Mary's and became rector after the retirement of Father Brady. Two years after his arrival he had built the present parochial school. It was then that he introduced to his parishioners, the first group of Sisters of Mercy to teach in the new school. On their arrival, they occupied the residence at the southwestern corner of Elm and St. Mary streets as a convent, St. Mary's first rectory. Shortly after, Father Linehan began the erection of the beautiful convent which now stands between the rectory and school.

St. Mary's Parochial School on St. Mary Street in Biddeford, was erected in 1892, two years after the arrival of Father Linehan. The school is taught by the Sisters of Mercy.

This fine looking building is St. Mary's Rectory and was erected by Father Brady in 1886. St. Mary Street is a credit to the city with the well kept parish buildings lining the northerly side.

Corner Stone Laid in 1923

About 1897, he erected St. Margarets-by-the-Sea at Old Orchard and in 1916 erected St. Brandon's at Biddeford Pool. His pastorate of 32 years terminated at his death in February 1922 at the age of 75.

Rev. Denis J. O'Brien was then appointed rector and soon after his arrival, undertook the building of a new church to replace the one then standing. In October 1923, the corner stone was laid for this splendid Gothic structure. Unfortunately, Father O'Brien did not live to see it completed for he passed on in April 1924.

New Church Dedicated August 15, 1926

Continuing in his footsteps was Rev. Michael F. Drain who had a fine understanding of human nature and was respected by all the townspeople. It was under his pastorate that the church was completed and dedicated on August 15, 1926. Seven years after on July 15, Father Drain passed into his heavenly reward. Rev. John Driscoll, the present pastor, succeeded him.

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WILLARD R. GILBERT MAKES 50 YEARS LOOK SHORT

Fifty years in the same location, is a record to be proud of and Willard R. Gilbert, office manager at Fall River has this record. For 38 years he was with the Granite Mills and when Pepperell purchased them 12 years ago, he was promoted to office manager. On the eleventh of last month he rounded out a half century in textiles.

Started to Work July 11, 1891

Born in Fall River he secured his first employment at the Granite Mills as office boy. He was given a large brass key and told to open up the office at six each morning, do a little janitor service and get the mail. At that time, the New York mail was thrown off at Providence and taken to Fall River by horse and wagon which did not arrive until nine o'clock each morning.

There was a lull between the early morning work and receiving the mail and Mr. Gilbert, who still is of energetic nature, stepped into a pair of overalls and worked in the machine shop turning out machine parts. A year or so later, the management decided to set out the row of maple trees that now aids in making the property so attractive, and he helped to plant these which now stand as a part of a living memorial of the duties he so faithfully exercised.

Promotions Were Rapid

When B mill was erected in 1893, he was given the timekeeper's job. From then on, his promotions were rapid and he became paymaster and in charge of all detail work. Soon after he was elected treasurer of the Granite Mills, a position he held until Pepperell purchased them in 1929. At that time the personnel was reorganized but Mr. Gilbert was naturally retained and was made office manager.

It is interesting to note that for the past 28 years he has been a Justice of the Peace, and relates some very interesting experiences while acting in that capacity. Office employees congratulated him on his half century in textiles and the Sheet, in behalf of all other employees, likewise offers him our congratulations for the fine service he has rendered. A dinner party was given for him at Luke's Lodge by the office employees at which time he was presented with a watch and a ring.

JAMES JOHNSON IS NEW BIDDEFORD OVERSEER

With the resignation of Mr. Strait as overseer of all weaving, James Johnson has been promoted to overseer of weaving and slashing for the sheeting division and began his new duties on July 15th.

Mr. Johnson has had full textile experience for with the exception of four years spent in the Army, he has always worked in the textile industry. Starting at the age of eleven as a back boy in the mule room he has worked his way up in the industry with most of his experience gained in weaving operations.

Jim came to Pepperell in September 1937 as general second hand of the sheeting weaving departments and has been one of the instructors of the vocational school which has been conducted here for the past three years.

The Sheet takes this opportunity to publicly congratulate him on his promotion and wishes him the best of success in his new position. He is a member of the Richard C. Owen Post, of American Legion at Saco and several other fraternal organizations. He is married and has five children; the family resides on Winter Street in Saco.

John Cloudio, left and Joseph Ricardo of Mill A, Fall River, shown sitting on the steps of the Pepperell Office in Biddeford, Maine, during their recent motor trip. "It's the largest Mill I've ever seen," says John. "It's a city by itself," says Joe.

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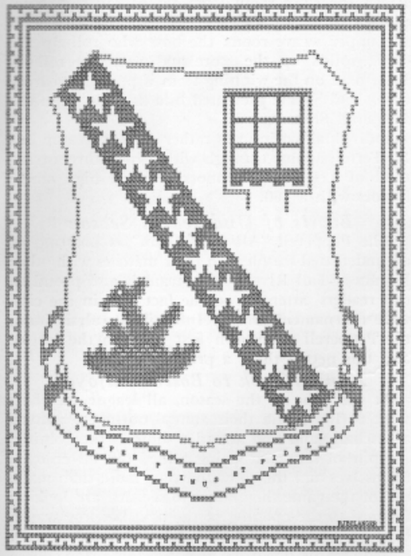
240th COAST ARTILLERY HAS A LONG AND HONORABLE RECORD



The 240th Coast Artillery dates its history to 1854 when the petition of the Volunteer Companies in and about Portland that they be styled the First Regiment was granted. Two years later, 47 of the 56 volunteer companies of the state were disbanded but the First Regiment continued. In 1860 a change in units was made by adding a cavalry troop and an artillery battery.

One Unit Formed at Lewiston

In the war between the states, eight of the regiment's nine companies volunteered and were mustered into Federal service May 3, 1861. Two units were formed at Portland and Lewiston. The regiment performed guard duty at Washington, D. C. and was mustered out August 5, 1861.

Fought in Victorious Battles

A month later, the first Maine Volunteer Infantry ceased to exist and the 10th Maine was organized from its companies. On December 17, 1863, under the command of Colonel Beal, it was mustered into service. Three companies of the 10th Battalion completed the regiment which participated in the Red River Expedition, fighting at Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill and Cane River Crossing, Louisiana. On July 13, 1864, the regiment landed in Washington, D. C., chased Gen. Early and later fought in the victorious battles of Opequan, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. It was later sent to various parts of South Carolina on reconstruction duty and mustered out June 29, 1866.

Militia laws were revised in 1880 and with it came a complete reorganization. In 1893 the First Infantry was designated National Guard.

In Spanish-American Conflict

In the Spanish-American War the regiment was mustered into Federal service May 5, 1898 and sent to Chickamauga Park, Georgia, for training. It was planned to send them to Porto Rico, but so many were ill with typhoid fever that it was ordered back to Maine in hospital trains, and mustered out in November.

62% of 54th Was Maine Men

Later the regiment was transferred from the Infantry arm to the Coast Artillery Corps and was mobilized on July 25, 1917 for World War duty. It was redesignated and made a part of the 54th Artillery as 62% was composed entirely of Maine National Guard.

Arriving in France, the 54th was sent to rest camp at Mailly-le-Camp (Aube) and later transferred to Haussemont (Marne) as replacement regiment to Railway Artillery reserve and Tractor Artillery regiments. After the Armistice the 54th was assigned to Brest and sailed on the Vedic, arriving in Boston on March 7, 1919 and completely demobilized at Camp Devens six days later.

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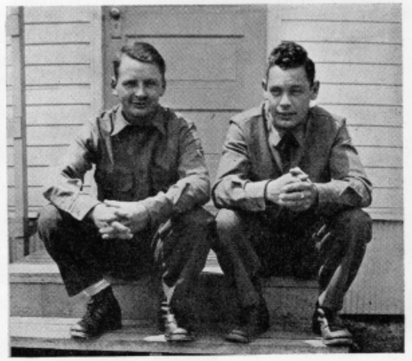

Alfred Morin, right, writes home that he is enjoying himself at Camp Wheeler, Va. Freddy was formerly employed in the napping room at Biddeford and was one of the star reporters for the Sheet.

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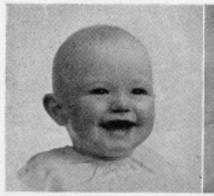

This young lady is Dorothy Ann, 10 months old daughter of Robert Bergeron, weaver in the blanket division at Biddeford. Her mother was also a former employee of this department.

All dressed up in the uniform of the day is three-year old Robert Krasko, son of Florence Krasko, who is employed in room 131 at Biddeford.

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The First Coast Defense was later formed and this was redesignated as the 240th Coast Artillery (HD) on April 16, 1924.

Battery I Organized by Capt. Ridlon

Battery C of Saco (relettered Battery I on April 14, 1940), was organized by Captain Benjamin F. Ridlon and Federally recognized February 19, 1936. Long desiring to have a military company, the citizens of Saco made special effort to accomplish their goal when the opportunity presented itself. Going into camp with only two months of drill, they fired a practice that was rated excellent by the War Department.

Still Receiving Honors at Fort Williams

This unit has been very successful in the qualifications of gunners of heavy artillery, qualifying 98% of its numbers each year. At the present time, this battery is stationed at Fort Williams, Portland, and is continuing to distinguish itself.

BOWLING SEASON BOWS OUT

In the inter-departmental bowling league at Fall River, the cloth room team again won the championship title for the year. After being tied with the upper weave room, the boys who roll up the cloth, rolled up the score and won the roll-off. Each man on the winning team is proudly wearing a belt and buckle presented him as a gift from the Pepperell Sheet.

Individual scoring was rather close all season but M. Ferreira came through with a high three string total of 421. Ray Connors received high single honors with a 160.

Boasts of Undefeated Season

The Pepperell "All Star Team" is boasting of an undefeated season with their matches with other leagues at Fall River. This team is also proud to call readers' attention to the fact that in the city-wide tournament for the Infantile Paralysis fund, the Pepperell team won first place in the league and this netted them a prize of $50.00.

Annual Trek to Boston Enjoyed

At the close of the season, all league members went to Boston on their annual outing to witness a baseball game and attend a show in the evening. In spite of the game being rained out all enjoyed themselves and the show they saw more than made up for the game they failed to see. All are looking forward to the opening of the next bowling season to start in September with Secretary Robillard already taking down the names of those who choose to join in the sport for pleasure.

There were 28 bowlers who finished the season with an average well over a 100.

Fall River's winning bowling team with the league officers are proud of their record. Seated left to right, are: Ernest Morris, Alfred Robillard, secretary, Arthur Lambert, president, and Joshua Bate. Standing, Donald Burke, Roland Dionne, Romeo Ouellette, Thomas Waterworth and Robert Smith.

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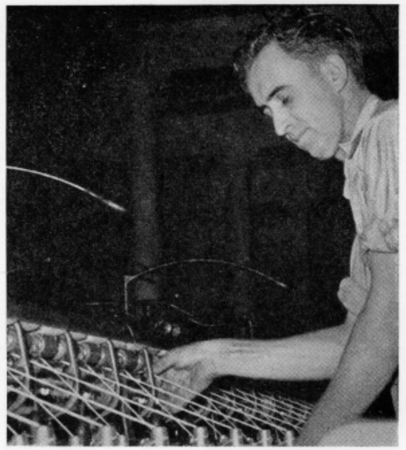
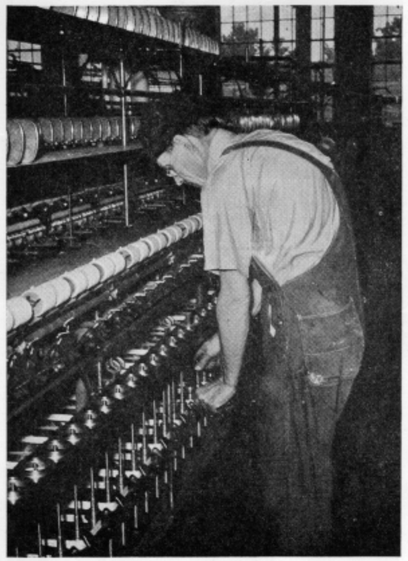
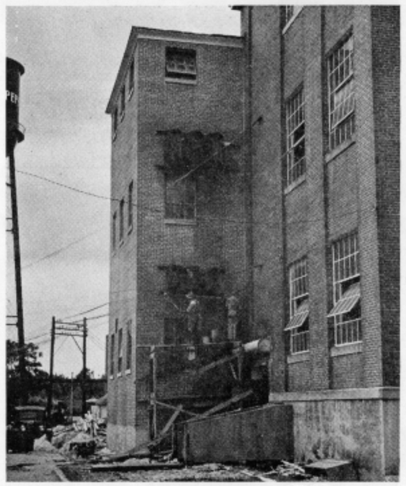
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duke of Lindale, Ga., sitting outside the new home that they recently built, just outside the town of Lindale. See photo on right.



J. W. Duke, of Pepperell's Lindale, Ga., mill is an operator on long-draft roving frames in this Southern mill. He has worked in the mill for eight years, and five other members of his family also are employed there.



This is a picture of Jeff Bishop plumbing spindles on one of the new Saco Lowell spinning frames, just installed at our Opelika Mill. Bishop has been with Pepperell for twelve years.



Construction of a new addition on the Opelika, Alabama, mill is nearly completed. This well on the outside of one of the buildings will provide on one floor a well equipped shower room for employees, and on another floor a conditioning room for yarns.

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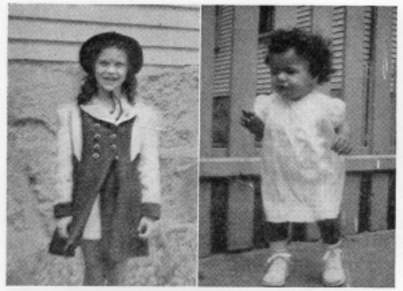
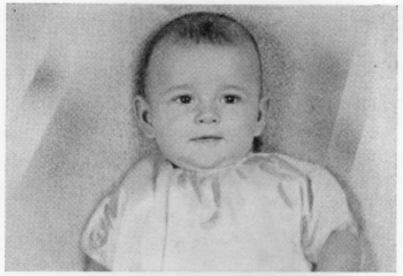


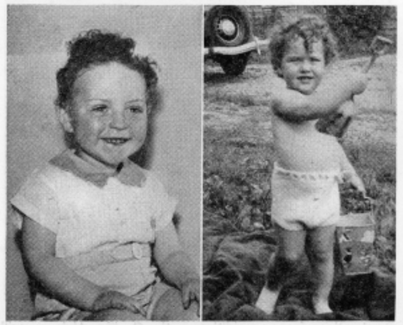
Audrey Ann, daughter of Gertrude Depin of B mill cloth room, Fall River. Madeline Cerce, 10 months, daughter of Angelo Cerce, a weaver on the 1st shift at Fall River.



Those eyes are going to be a dead give-away for this young man when he gets older. Right now, Norman Morin is four months old and the grandson of Merilda Parent, a weaver in room 8-2 at Biddeford.

Getting nowhere fast in this act staged by Bobby, 18 month old son of Frank Johnson, fixer on the first shift in the rayon division at Fall River. Mr. Johnson is a Lieutenant in the Home Guard, Co. D, Special Weapon Div.

Anticipating the "groceries" is Woodrow Swanson, Jr., son of Mrs. Alice Swanson, a stitcher in the blanket cloth room at Biddeford.



Albert Dube, Jr., nephew of Fred Dube, who is employed in the cloth room B, Fall River. On the right: Maurice pauses just long enough for one snap. He's the son of Emile Poutre, fixer in mill A, Fall River.

Marilyn Joan, 26 month old daughter of Manuel Cambra, Jr., spare hand in weave room, B mill, at Fall River.

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Dorothy Ann Grace and her two beautiful collie dogs, Beaut and Bet. Dorothy's dad is foreman of the mechanical crews at the Biddeford mill.

Ready for action is Normand, 2½ yr. old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lavigne. Mr. Lavigne is employed in the white finishing room at the Lewiston plant. He was the first instructor and manager of Paul Junior, former New England lightweight champion.

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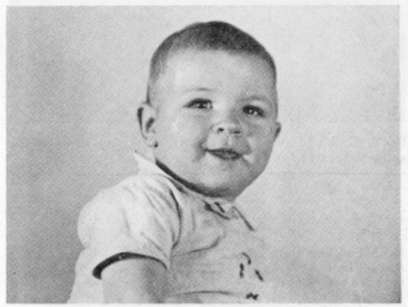

This little fellow looks like a future football star for Fall River. He is Freddie Nowat, 7 month old son of Paul Nowat, employed in B card room.

Janice Gail Aguiar, 8 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Aguiar. Her mother was formerly employed in room 15-5 at Biddeford and her daddy is a loomfixer on the 3rd shift in room 13-2.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Binette and daughter, Claire, of Biddeford. Mrs. Binette is employed in the sheeting cloth room.

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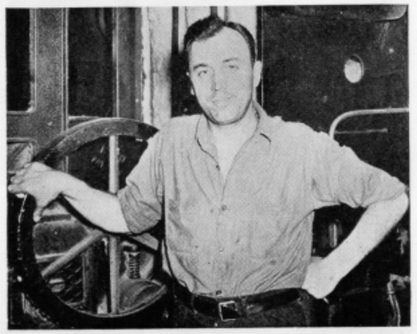
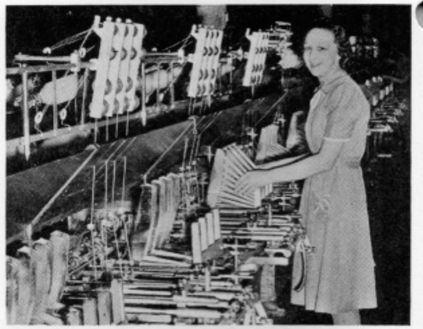
Dr. J. C. McAdams in the process of signing some of the accident slips at the Fall River mill.

Ralph Lariviere and Anita Laverdierre, nephew and niece of Mrs. Emelia Lariviere, spinner in room 24-B at Biddeford. Mrs. Lariviere is also one of the Sheet's star reporters.



Laureat Gobeil, who is employed in the picker room at Biddeford, considers the hospitalization insurance good protection for only 19c. a week, especially for a man who has dependents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gobeil have taken it out.



Lillian Croteau is working on the winders in room 13-2 at Biddeford. These winders rewind the yarn, made in room 155, onto filling bobbins for the blanket looms.

Two Fall River employees who very kindly allowed us to snap their picture. Gilbert Correia is employed in the Sanitation dept. and Ernest Costa in the cloth room, both in the rayon division.

Good sleeping and good eating is essential to everyday life, so here we have two good specimens in the persons of Mrs. John Cloudis, left, and Mrs. Joseph Ricardo. Their hubbies work in the rayon slashing dept. in mill A.

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BIDDEFORD FOREMEN'S CLUB HAS LARGE BANQUET

Vice president Amory Coolidge, left, and William Sweetsir, president of the Biddeford Foremen's Club, talk it over at the annual banquet. Mr. Coolidge was guest speaker of the evening.

The Biddeford Foremen's Club closed their season's activities with a banquet at the Seaside House, Old Orchard. This is an annual affair which marks the close of Club duties until the second Saturday in September.

Vice President Coolidge, Guest Speaker

Amory Coolidge, a Vice President of Pepperell, was guest speaker. He presented a resume of the past twenty years of our company, comparing the past with the present and focused his thoughts on the trend toward future style of textile manufacturing. At the close of his talk, President Sweetsir of the Club, opened the meeting to a general discussion period which proved very interesting and educational.

Guests of the Foremen included Mill Manager F. Lincoln Dunlap and Supt. Henry Truslow of the Fall River plant, local mill officials and departmental office supervisors. The entertainment which followed the banquet consisted of Edmund Libby with his piano-accordion; Leo Bellerose who rendered several vocal selections; Majorette Blanche Talbot who swung the baton with precision and a cute little dancing star, Agnes Desmarais.

NOTES OF INTEREST

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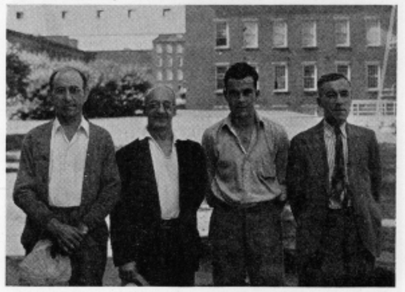

Four of the five Biddeford employees who received special cash prizes for their suggestions. The names and amounts received are, left to right, Joseph Aguiar, $25.00, Edgar Plouff, $25.00, Raynald Labbe, $15.00 and Frank Labbe, $25.00. Jean Boilard was unable to be present but he drew a $10.00. Several months ago, Mr. Aguiar received another special cash award.

A number of Biddeford employees every month are receiving cash for the ideas they submit in the Suggestion Contest. As previously written in the Sheet, this contest presents an opportunity for each individual to tell his idea on methods or ways to improve machinery operation, or various operating techniques in general. For all usable ideas, the company will pay cash to the person who presents his thoughts in writing on a contest blank found at convenient locations throughout the plant.

May Cash Awards Total $100.00

There were several excellent suggestions received during the month of May and special cash awards were made. The persons submitting the following suggestion numbers were asked to call at the employment office for special award checks as shown opposite each number:

131-B	$25.00
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Ideas on which to write, are not restricted. This allows each employee an equal chance for a cash award. All subjects pertaining to the mill will be carefully considered by the contest committee.

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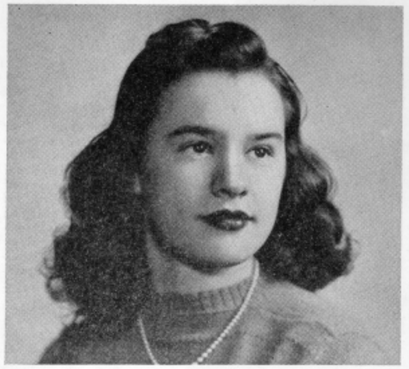
MECHANICAL DEPT. — Biddeford

¶ George Hooper, brother to Thomas Hooper, is now employed as an electrician.
¶ Paul Hooper, piper here for several years has accepted a similar position at the Navy Yard.
¶ Mrs. Leach was complaining to a neighbor that they have no garden this summer. She said every time Charlie started digging he found a lot of worms, so he'd quit and go fishing for brown trout.
¶ Nelson Collard has returned to the electrical crew.
¶ Oakley Bragdon, carpenter, has an automatic arrangement to have a fire pail dump water on him when he is too warm.
¶ Dominic Dentico must have been a Boy Scout by the way he ties knots in rope.
¶ Arthur Hanson's goat is no help to him while he tinkers on his car.
¶ Frank Wilson of the belt shop, formerly with the Big Show, renewed acquaintances when Ringling Bros. was in Portland last month.
¶ Percy Hood, carpenter, who operates a farm at Oak Ridge can now sit in his swivel chair and take it easy. He crossed a hen with a cow and now the biddie lays eggnogs.
¶ William (Hoopin') Roussin, John (Doctor) Watson and John (Sneezy) Colpitts were seen throwing peanuts at the black fantasy at Saco last month.
¶ The boys in the machine shop believe the International truck would make a good ladder truck for the fire department if a good husky driver is available.
¶ We congratulate Ken Foss, our electrician, on the story of his farm in the last issue of the Sheet. Since then however, one of the cows got mixed up with a porcupine, the bovine's skin became porous and lost eight quarts of milk before Ken turned surgeon with a pair of pincers.



Marjorie Tessier, daughter of Mary and Ernest Tessier of weaving B, Fall River. Marjorie graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School in June.

With all the necessary implements and ingredients to round out a good enjoyable meal, these men who were guests of the Foremen's Club at Biddeford are, left to right, F. Lincoln Dunlap, Fall River mill manager, Paul Groover, asst. mill manager at Biddeford, and Henry Truslow, supt. of Fall River mill.

TOWEL CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Natalie Keene, Laurence Beaudette.*

¶ Just a word to the wise about our former reporter. Ask Lawrence if it's all baseball that keeps him occupied. A little birdie told several of his co-workers that the Pier at Old Orchard is familiar with the sight of our own dear Laurie-Belle. Could it be that you have taken up dancing?
¶ Mrs. Beatrice Brouillard has joined her husband in Whitinsville, Mass. where he is employed in defense work. We regret her leaving, and presented her with a locket to remember us by. Best of luck, Bea, in your new home.
¶ The girls of the towel dept. participated in a shore dinner recently. They had a splendid supper at the Seaside House at Old Orchard beach and after eating more than their share, enjoyed themselves on all the amusements. Oh, yeah! Ask Jeanne about that—or perhaps Josie carried the burden that night. Do you think it was worth it, Josie?
¶ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Dorais in their recent bereavement. Mrs. Dorais is a former employee of this department.
¶ Mr. and Mrs. Andre Dupont spent the Fourth at Hills Beach, and by the looks of things, Andre spent the next week in bed. You'd better cover up the next time you go clamming, Andre, my boy.
¶ Since the shore dinner, the girls have had a weenie roast. And believe me, it was some roast. Everybody ate everything that everyone else brought, and you can imagine the rest. It was held at Hill's Beach and boy, can those girls build a fire. Ruth Hobbins couldn't make up her mind whether to go swimming or not, but a car full of people convinced her, it's better to hire a bath-house—you know Ruthie—that wasn't Gabriel's horn that was blowing.
¶ Our warm welcome to the new girls in our department. May they stay with us for a long time.
¶ We hear Blanche Pruneau likes Old Orchard especially the Hay Day. Is that a fact Blanche, or are you partial to red head attendants?
¶ Ask Ruth if the scooter cars are her idea of a good automobile ride? At least you don't have to walk—in fact, Ruth didn't get a chance to go around even once. The mumblings that came from her sounded like this, "If I only had a shotgun or rifle" what for, Ruthie? You know as well as the rest at the Pepperell that our own boss S. W. Emery is the only person who can put a bead on a gun right, and then some of us have our doubts about him.
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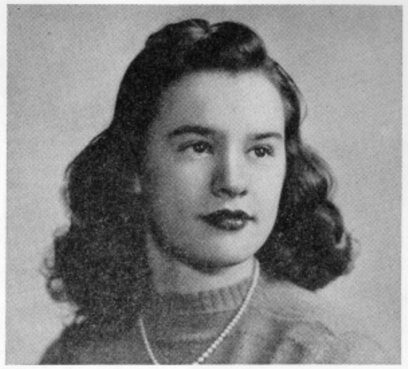
PRESCOTT L. HOWARD, *Editor-in-Chief*

MECHANICAL DEPT. — Biddeford

¶ George Hooper, brother to Thomas Hooper, is now employed as an electrician.
¶ Paul Hooper, piper here for several years has accepted a similar position at the Navy Yard.
¶ Mrs. Leach was complaining to a neighbor that they have no garden this summer. She said every time Charlie started digging he found a lot of worms, so he'd quit and go fishing for brown trout.
¶ Nelson Collard has returned to the electrical crew.
¶ Oakley Bragdon, carpenter, has an automatic arrangement to have a fire pail dump water on him when he is too warm.
¶ Dominic Dentico must have been a Boy Scout by the way he ties knots in rope.
¶ Arthur Hanson's goat is no help to him while he tinkers on his car.
¶ Frank Wilson of the belt shop, formerly with the Big Show, renewed acquaintances when Ringling Bros. was in Portland last month.
¶ Percy Hood, carpenter, who operates a farm at Oak Ridge can now sit in his swivel chair and take it easy. He crossed a hen with a cow and now the biddie lays eggnogs.
¶ William (Hoopin') Roussin, John (Doctor) Watson and John (Sneezy) Colpitts were seen throwing peanuts at the black fantasy at Saco last month.
¶ The boys in the machine shop believe the International truck would make a good ladder truck for the fire department if a good husky driver is available.
¶ We congratulate Ken Foss, our electrician, on the story of his farm in the last issue of the Sheet. Since then however, one of the cows got mixed up with a porcupine, the bovine's skin became porous and lost eight quarts of milk before Ken turned surgeon with a pair of pincers.



Marjorie Tessier, daughter of Mary and Ernest Tessier of weaving B, Fall River. Marjorie graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School in June.

With all the necessary implements and ingredients to round out a good enjoyable meal, these men who were guests of the Foremen's Club at Biddeford are, left to right, F. Lincoln Dunlap, Fall River mill manager, Paul Groover, asst. mill manager at Biddeford, and Henry Truslow, supt. of Fall River mill.

TOWEL CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Natalie Keene, Laurence Beaudette.*

¶ Just a word to the wise about our former reporter. Ask Lawrence if it's all baseball that keeps him occupied. A little birdie told several of his co-workers that the Pier at Old Orchard is familiar with the sight of our own dear Laurie-Belle. Could it be that you have taken up dancing?
¶ Mrs. Beatrice Brouillard has joined her husband in Whitinsville, Mass. where he is employed in defense work. We regret her leaving, and presented her with a locket to remember us by. Best of luck, Bea, in your new home.
¶ The girls of the towel dept. participated in a shore dinner recently. They had a splendid supper at the Seaside House at Old Orchard beach and after eating more than their share, enjoyed themselves on all the amusements. Oh, yeah! Ask Jeanne about that—or perhaps Josie carried the burden that night. Do you think it was worth it, Josie?
¶ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Dorais in their recent bereavement. Mrs. Dorais is a former employee of this department.
¶ Mr. and Mrs. Andre Dupont spent the Fourth at Hills Beach, and by the looks of things, Andre spent the next week in bed. You'd better cover up the next time you go clamming, Andre, my boy.
¶ Since the shore dinner, the girls have had a weenie roast. And believe me, it was some roast. Everybody ate everything that everyone else brought, and you can imagine the rest. It was held at Hill's Beach and boy, can those girls build a fire. Ruth Hobbins couldn't make up her mind whether to go swimming or not, but a car full of people convinced her, it's better to hire a bath-house—you know Ruthie—that wasn't Gabriel's horn that was blowing.
¶ Our warm welcome to the new girls in our department. May they stay with us for a long time.
¶ We hear Blanche Pruneau likes Old Orchard especially the Hay Day. Is that a fact Blanche, or are you partial to red head attendants?
¶ Ask Ruth if the scooter cars are her idea of a good automobile ride? At least you don't have to walk—in fact, Ruth didn't get a chance to go around even once. The mumblings that came from her sounded like this, "If I only had a shotgun or rifle" what for, Ruthie? You know as well as the rest at the Pepperell that our own boss S. W. Emery is the only person who can put a bead on a gun right, and then some of us have our doubts about him.
¶ Did all you girls see the picture of our packer Pete Bolduc in the paper? He sure looked as if he enjoyed his son's wedding.

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BLANKET CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Rose Bouthot, Catherine Bizantakos.*

¶ There were many that spent the holidays resting at their homes or at the beach. From the looks of some of the men and women of this department, the greater part spent their time bathing. (You can tell by the burns.) You could hear, "Ouch, my back!" or "Isn't my nose red?" "My legs are sore, I can hardly walk." Outside of all that, everyone had an enjoyable time.

¶ Bernadette Bastarache had a good time visiting in Montreal.

¶ Therese Parenteau visited in Sherbrooke and Windsor Mill, Canada.

¶ Of course Alphonse Roberge wouldn't miss a visit to Quebec, so he went, too. Did he have a good time? I don't know, he didn't say much, so what do you think? How about it, Alphonse?

¶ Eleanor Cressey had a wonderful time at Rangeley Lake. Leave it to her!

¶ Rita Morin decided to visit her aunt in Bristol, Conn. while she had the opportunity. They tell me you had a good time, Rita. !!!?????

Maybe It Was A Dark Horse

¶ It's just like Jeff Peppin to attend the horse race, in Suffolk Downs. What did you think of it, Jeff?

¶ Janet Gagnon was in Canada with the family. She took a little time to visit friends. Nice people, so Janet says.

¶ Laurette Nolette says she's still tired since she got back from Revere Beach. Was it worth it, Laurette?

¶ Marie LaFlamme went to Montreal to see her son who is going to school there. How does he look, Marie?

¶ Emile Boissoneault spent the holiday in New Hampshire. Emile is a quiet sort of a fellow and didn't say much except that he had a grand time.

¶ Mr. Leslie Martin has left the Pepperell and has been replaced by Willy Woods. We welcome you here, Willy, and we wish you luck on your new job as boss shipper.

¶ Say, fellas, you should follow Slim Barden around when he goes shopping. You wouldn't want to miss the chance of seeing Slim pick out baby clothing, would you?

¶ Geneva Frechette recently came to work displaying a diamond. Who's the lucky guy, Geneva?

¶ Blanche Desrochers surprised the whole lot of us on Monday by telling us that she was getting married the following Saturday. Guess she figured she kept us in the fog long enough and told us a week ahead of time. Who is he? Patrick Lamirande. He was recently employed here; and they were married July 5. Best of luck to you, both.

¶ Henry Drapeau and wife Jisel have returned to work after a twelve day visit to Canada.

¶ It's been pretty hard for Laurette "Tiny" Cote to say anything right lately, for it seems that some words she tries to use just can't be said. (The right way).

¶ Rita Boutin had an enjoyable week end in Boston, recently.

¶ Wish I could have seen Eva Ruck when she lost her heel. They tell me it was funny.

¶ Laurette Nolette can do some fancy foot work before coming to rest in the middle of the floor.

¶ Our genial second hand, Arthur Plante, spent his week's vacation frying the clams at his Emporium on the Alfred Road. After his other week's vacation to be taken in November he has assured the employees of No. 16 Mill a venison dinner.

SHEETING CARDING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Sarah Whitworth, Herbert Sears, Paul Leblond, Oscar Blanchette, Raymond Gendron, Maurice Thompson, Joseph Cook, Emelin Morin.*

¶ Sorry to hear that Prescott Verrill is ill and therefore had to resign from the third shift. It's third shift loss and the first shift gain. Welcome back, Pres.

¶ If you stay out one week from the card room you have a difficult time finding someone you're looking for, what with all the new changes going on but this is all for the best. In a short while if these changes continue we will have a real show place for visitors.

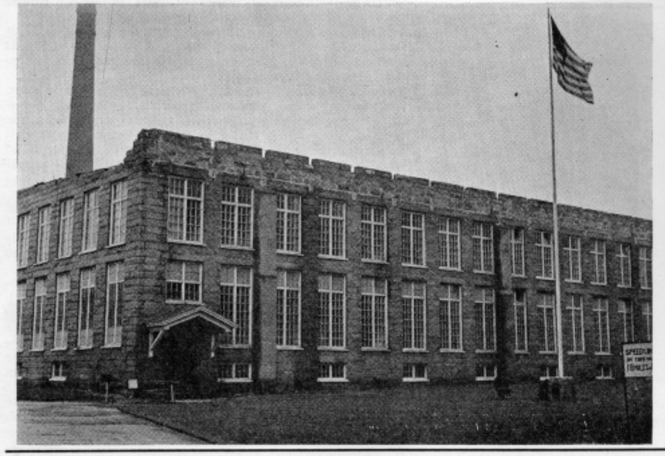
¶ The Fontaine family went on an extended tour through Canada, visited Quebec, Ste. Anne and I know for a fact that they shopped in Sherbrooke.

¶ Mr. Rosaire Belanger, our renowned artist, will have his sketches on exhibition at the American Hobby Show, which will be held in Hearns Auditorium on corner of 14th St. and Fifth Ave. through July 14th to July 26th.

¶ Mr. George Poirier, our former helper in 23-B and who is now a Private at Camp Blanding, Fla., was a visitor here recently.

¶ We may be late but may we extend our sympathy to Virgil Moutsatsos on the bereavement of his father.

¶ Congratulations to John Clark on his recent promotion.



Five feet is being added to the B mill at Fall River to prevent water condensation on the ceiling of the top floor. The present roof will remain and a new roof added. Between these will be a new air changing system, blowing in warm air in winter and cool air in summer, which in addition will make working conditions for the employees more comfortable.

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It just so happened that second hand Edward Neault at Biddeford was the first person to apply for hospitalization insurance. He has received $58.00 in benefits for a surgical operation.

SHEETING WEAVING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Alice McDowell, John Trembly, Anna Bergeron, William Thompson.*

¶ Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and family spent the 4th of July week end at House Island, Portland, Maine.

¶ Mr. James Gallant, cleaner in 5-3, is getting to be a good farmer. He has a large garden this year and he expects to do better next year.

¶ John Searles is supposed to have changed his car. Let us know if you have John.

¶ Miss Violet Boucher, formerly a cleaner, is now a battery hand and is doing very well.

¶ We all wonder where N. Picard gets that stern look. Could it be that he is devising a plan of some kind. What is it, N.?

¶ Carlos DeSilva, runner boy on the first shift, worked in the stock room for a couple of weeks in July. How does it feel to be back with us again?

¶ Mr. George Carrier, cleaner in 10-2, who is out recuperating from an operation will be back in September. His hobby now is fishing, since he is unable to look for rents.

¶ Mr. Leo Bedard, weaver in 5-3, has just returned from his honeymoon. Our congratulations.

¶ What do you say, boys, in getting together and buying the third shift elevator man a new car. He aches all over from cranking his old one so much, that at times it causes him to be late for work.

¶ Max Libby who took charge of the slash room recently did a very good job we are convinced. We hope he can still do better next time.

¶ Mr. Johnson, our overseer, enjoyed a week's vacation in July. We all hope he had a good time and we are most anxious to hear where he went.

Robert Taylor Works In Weave Room

¶ Every afternoon at about 2:30 the second shift, lunch cart man, is seen in front of Liggett's smoking a cigar. We wonder if he buys them wholesale.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Poirier spent the week end of the fourth at their camp at New Dam. Mr. Poirier is a loom fixer in 8-3, 2nd shift.

¶ We are sorry Mr. Gregoire, loom fixer in 8-2, has been out so long due to an accident, and will be out for a little while longer.

¶ Mr. Cray, cleaner in 10-2, had better put brakes on his car, before the law puts brakes on him.

¶ Another one, why doesn't Cray jack up his radiator cap and drive a new car under. Mr. Searles would like to have the answer to this one.

¶ I wonder why Mr. Turcotte, cleaner in 8-1, is so shy. Could it be the opposite sex that makes him so????

¶ Robert Taylor from Utica, N. Y., cleaner in 10-2, turned out to be a much better roving ambassador without Port Folio.

¶ Mr. McKenney has accepted a job with the Saco Valley Poultry Co. We wish him luck on his new job.

¶ We wonder what all the girls will do when Mr. Neault, cloth boy on the third shift, leaves for a year's training with Uncle Sam, also what will Neault do without the girls????

¶ NOTICE: if there are any of the old timers here in the mill who remember anything about the way things were run years ago, or about anything that took place here in Biddeford. It would be interesting to the Pepperell readers so please give the necessary info to one of the reporters.

¶ Misses Yvonne Neault and Gertrude Valade has been changed to the first shift as battery hands.

¶ The third shift has taken on a new battery hand, Annette Martin. She expects to remain with Pepperell for some time.

¶ Mr. Octave Lagendre, loom fixer third shift, was out ill for a few days.

¶ After a major operation, Pauline Jacques is back to work and is feeling one hundred percent better.

¶ NOTICE: Mr. Joe Heavey, loom fixer in 8-2, does not want to be disturbed between the hours of 4 and 5 as he always takes his sunning at that time. He has a special window way down in the right hand corner of 8-2 where the sun never sets.

SHEETING CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Dorothy Adjutant, Antoinette Hannah, Helen Economos, Phylis Cote, Mary Goldthwaite.*

¶ Bertha Nadeau has been transferred from the second to the first shift. We all miss you, Bertha.

¶ We welcome on the second shift Caroline Whitworth, Eleanore Bolduc and George A. Brochu.

¶ Mary Poulin and her brother, Percy O'Brien, spent the holidays in Fairfield, Me.

¶ Eva Lachance was a visitor in Lewiston, Maine, recently.

¶ Amanda Martineau attended the Turcotte-Dansereau wedding June 28th.

¶ Rose Whitten has been transferred from third to second shift.

¶ Bernadette Bouffard was a visitor in Portland recently.

Nope, this isn't your goat. It belongs to Ken Foss, Biddeford electrician, who runs a 100 acre farm, and whose story was in the last issue of the Sheet.

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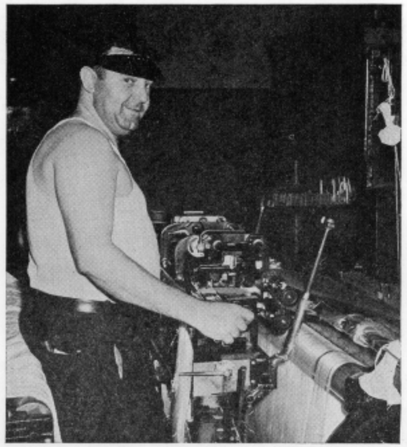
BLANKET WEAVE ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTER: *Ernest Guilmette.*

¶ Mrs. Simonne Beans, employed on the 2nd shift, is out for a few months' vacation.
¶ Albert Maurice, former employee of our department, now stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida, enjoyed a ten days' furlough in this vicinity.
¶ Napoleon Patenaude attended a wedding celebration in Rhode Island over the week end before the fourth of July.
¶ Joseph Turcotte and family were guests of relatives in Canada over the fourth.
¶ Raymond, never forget that a '34 Chevvy runs on gas, not air. What did you say the fellow's name was that picked you up, not long ago?
¶ Rosaire Perreault has resigned his duties to accept a job in the big city of Hartford, Conn.
¶ Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Sayer, who have returned to work, after spending their honeymoon in Mass. and Conn. Both are employed in our department.
¶ Laurette Boutet is back to work with us after an absence of a two weeks' period.

Visit Canadian Shrine

¶ Alex Compagna and family motored to Sherbrooke and Hammond, Canada, over the fourth.
¶ Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bettez were visitors in Canada also.
¶ Blanche Croteau also visited in different parts of Canada.
¶ Mrs. Lina Delorges and family enjoyed a week's vacationing in Canada.
¶ Mr. and Mrs. Adjutor Vaillancourt, their daughter Simonne, their son Roland and his fiancee Rita Dorais, visited in Quebec and St. Anne de Beaupre, and attended the 40th wedding anniversary of a relative. Roland is employed in the office of 13-2.
¶ Arthur St. Onge visited in Boston, New Bedford, Fall River and Providence over the recent holiday.
¶ Miss Anita L'Heureux spent a two weeks' vacation at Niagara Falls, visiting a friend, Gertrude Simoneau who was formerly employed in our department.



Victor Laprade is an operator on the portable knot tying machine in the rayon mill at Fall River. There are about 4,000 ends on the loom on which he is working.

Bertrand and Joseph Buteau, son and father who are employed at the bleachery. Both have hospitalization insurance and Joe believes that everyone who possibly can take it should.

¶ Janette St. Ours is back to work after enjoying a week's vacation.
¶ Herve Paquette has left our employ and is now working in the Saco Lowell Shops.
¶ Pauline Pinette has returned to work after enjoying a week's vacation.
¶ It looks as if Mr. Philias Pinette surely enjoys visiting in Manchester, N. H. and Lowell, Mass. Or could it be the lovely girls at Club Laurier in Lowell.
¶ Mignonne Sevigny, burler on the towel inspection tables, spent the holiday in Canada visiting different interesting places such as Quebec, Montreal and Ste. Anne de Beaupre.
¶ Hector Poitras is now in full charge of the blanket weave room, replacing J. H. Strait, who has accepted a position in South Carolina.
¶ Hector Poitras has enjoyed a week's vacation, relaxing at home without a care in the world!!!
¶ Alphonse Guillemette, employed in 13-1, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boucher, Anita Roy and E. Guillemette attended a wedding celebration in Woonsocket, R. I.
¶ Eugene Lacourse is back to work after having a narrow escape. (Better not wade in too deep, Eugene, for one can drink just so much water and after that it's too bad.)
¶ Those awarded prizes for suggestions, recently, in our department, were Joseph Aguiar, Reynald Labbe and Frank Labbe. Our sincere congratulations.

BLANKET NAPPING ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTER: *Joe Downs.*

¶ We are sorry to hear that Mr. Jones, our second hand, is out sick. We hope that you will be back soon.
¶ Eddie Pierce, one of our new workers, was a recent visitor in the Dominion of Canada over the holiday.
¶ "Sonnyboy" was another out of town visitor sporting a new car in the city of Boston.
¶ Has anyone seen Tony's haircut? It looks as if he was intended for a target.
¶ Eugene Cantara is absent from work because of illness. We hope you return real soon, Eugene.
¶ Rose's boyfriend is in the army now and she doesn't know what to do most of the time. Can't someone help her?
¶ Bob was seen taking in a show at the Carnival that was in Saco not very long ago. When asked what he was doing at that show, he replied, "I like to watch the girls tap dance". He ought to know some new steps by now, we wonder!
¶ Don't go into the drying room if you don't want to hear all about George's new car. Some wagon, I'll say.
¶ It must be getting warmer for our "sweater" girl has taken hers off for the present.

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BLANKET SPINNING DEPT.—Biddeford

REPORTER: *Mary Polakewich.*

¶ Fashions On Parade as seen at Old Orchard. Mr. and Mrs. John Carr—Johnnie strutting his 1920 panama and our dear Emma in sophisticated black, very chic.—Laurette Archambeault in artistic Mexican colors doing the latest conga at the famous rendezvous.—In a large, off the face hat, and wearing a smart tailored suit of black, was Blanche Turgeon eating a hot dog. Very Demure.—Edwina "Wiggly" Rutka in a gay flowered print doing the New Jersey snake dance.—Eva Adams, our 155 Deb, sporting in pure white and touring O.O. with friends from Ohio.—Bella Cote, (incognito) in peppermint pink slumming along West Grand Ave.—Our dear Rose Cantara in a gay picture hat and flowered jersey strutting down the Whiteway.—Mrs. Fortunate Goulet dressed in black and white looking over the crowd.—Jennie Hebert in gay Pepperell cotton prints running up the street for a bus.—C. Camire in beige, telling her darling boys that the bananas belong on the fruit stand. —Etionnette Hebert in a patriotic Navy outfit, eating an ice cream cone hotel-de-nut style.

¶ Robert Roy was a recent visitor to this department. He is stationed at Camp Blanding.

¶ We are all sorry to learn of Marie Ann Ruel's illness. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

¶ Notice. Anyone wanting free gum, contact Donald St. Ours in room 155.

¶ Mrs. Roland St. Ours has been absent for two months. We certainly trust she is on the road to recovery.

¶ We wonder what would happen if:

Camiline Camire got to her frame on time.
Emma Carr stopped telling stories
Jennie Hebert stopped running
Edwina got to work late
Cecile stopped joshing Raymond
Aura stopped eating whoopie pies

¶ Olga Skinner, a former employee is now a waitress at the South Portland shipyard. She claims to be a full fledged hash slinger now.

¶ Romeo Binnette is a regular bureau of information, for young ladies who care for knowledge on matrimony.

¶ Anyone wanting their fortune told, see Madame Wiggly between 12:00 and 12:30 each noon.

TIME STUDY DEPARTMENT—Biddeford

¶ For those of you who spend any time at all in the sheeting cloth room (11-3), we wish each and every one of you a nice long drawn-out face after this month of July. Yours truly understands that there are two young ladies known as Miss Murphy and Miss Economos who are about to step across the threshold of matrimony. We wish you the best of luck.

¶ We understand that H. Sears traveled through the northern part of Maine the other week end. After a lengthy interview Sears says, "Max Libby has just the build to make a potato digger. (Champion)."

¶ There has been an addition to the time study department in the person of Jordon Tartikoff. Mr. Tartikoff has just graduated from Lowell Textile School. If any of you people want a new outlook on life (magazine) please see Jordon as soon as possible.

¶ Mr. Strait is leaving the Pepperell for a position a little nearer the South Pole. Mr. Strait says that it's warmer down that way. We of the time study department wish you the best of luck, Mr. Strait.

¶ Has anyone seen Max Libby lately? If you really want to find him—look behind that bandaged finger walking about the slasher room.

¶ Emile LeBlond's daughter Claire was married recently. We all wish her all the luck in the world.

¶ If anyone who reads this Sheet is a non believer in love, life or anything else I'll advise you to see Miss Helen Economos in Room 11-3. Boy! does she know her stuff. (We'll see you in Concord, N. H., Helen.)

SHEETING SPINNING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Emelia Lariviere, Adrien Lefebvre, Emelia Lacroix, Renald Lauzon, Fernand Lefebvre, Evelyn Collard, Isabelle Picard, Rose Baillargeon, Rose Rousselle, Warren Reed, Jeannette Lajoie, Laura Dubuc, Irene Laverriere, Lucienne Bernier, Delcia Frechette, Paul Ayotte, Martha Terlale, Leonel Perreault, Urbain Perreault, Bernadette Poissant, Yvonne Boissonneault.*

¶ Mrs. Oriane Lacourse is back to work in 2-4B. We're glad to have you back with us.

¶ Rosaire McGuee and Dolores Lavoie were recently married. Congratulations to you both.

¶ Mrs. Jeanne Austin went to Augusta on the holiday week end.

¶ Mr. John Couture and Alphonse Poirier have dug a well 15 feet deep. John did the digging and hauling while Al did the watching.

¶ Solange Faye is back to work after a few weeks of observation at the Webber Hospital.

¶ Albert Troudeau of Camp Blanding, Fla., spent ten days' furlough with his parents. Mr. Troudeau was formerly employed in 8-4A.

¶ We are pleased to have Mrs. Florence Levesque back to work with us again.

¶ We offer our deepest sympathy to Miss Lucienne Gosselin in the recent bereavement of her father.

¶ Fernand Fecteau, section hand of 84-A&B, should have an extra alarm clock. Maybe this would help him to get up at 12 P.M.

¶ Renald Gosselin and his family visited in Canada over the week end.

¶ Lucienne Farrell reports an enjoyable trip to Quebec.

¶ Mrs. Julia Trudeau spent two days in Boston recently.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Ovila Belair motored to Canada. We hope you enjoyed the trip.

Putting the new cab-over-engine, Ford truck to a test by hauling 15 bales of cotton, each weighing approximately 500 lbs. Laurea Breton, left, is driver, and Germain Dube, helper, are known at Fall River as the gold dust twins.

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WHO'S WHO IN FALL RIVER

H. A. TRUSLOW, *Fall River Editor*

MACHINE SHOP — Fall River

REPORTER: *Rudy LePage.*

¶ We extend our sincere sympathies to Pat Lovett in his recent bereavement.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpenter spent a recent week end traveling through Auburn, Maine, New Hampshire and the White Mountains. He said he had a great time and would take another journey up there if he could find time.

¶ Luther Blossom also returned from a week's travel. He visited the Mohawk Trail, Niagara Falls, Jacobs Ladder and many other places of interest. He said he enjoyed the night spots the most.

¶ We know why "Fitzy" Fitzgerald, our stockroom clerk, feels downcast these days. We learned that Grace Cushman, the stockroom office girl, will be working in the Machine Shop Office, as soon as Roy Macdonald begins to work in the Shop.

¶ Introducing two newcomers, John Costa and Frederick "Ike" Robinson. The former is the new electrician and the latter is our new machinist. Welcome to our division, boys.

¶ Pat Griffin is spending the summer at Ocean Grove. He seems to get to work earlier these days. Hmmm! Probably the mosquitos bite too much, eh! Pat?

¶ Roy Connors refused to play with the Shop's Softball Team. We wonder why, because, he talks as if he is still in his prime. It may be, as one of his coworkers said, that he is young mentally and collecting old age pension physically.

¶ Louis Letourneau was feted at home last July 7th, by his family. He had a great time and was presented with many beautiful gifts. Congratulations, Louis, and we wish you many more happy birthdays.

¶ Congratulations are also extended to Ernest Walker, our welder. He has completed the National Defense Educational Course. Now he is able to teach the welding trade to anyone interested.

¶ It seems that Rudy LePage likes to talk over the radio, or is it that he got a free ticket to the Durfee Theatre.

¶ Warning—be careful what you boys do down the Machine Shop, remember there is a girl around now.

Three fair maids and three fine daughters of Mrs. Marion Regis, spinner in room 55-B at Biddeford. They are Rachel, Theresa and Marcel. Marcel was formerly employed here.

Overseer Edward McDuffey, left, seems to be one up on the others, for he has a plate full of victuals before him. The two other patient waiters are Harry Smith, Biddeford mill supt. and William Rawlinson, blanket division supt. All three were at the Foremen's Annual Banquet.

SPINNING ROOM — Fall River

REPORTER: *Marion Dupuis.*

¶ We wish the best of luck to Mrs. Alice Lesveque's son who has enlisted in the U. S. Army. He is stationed in Hawaii.

¶ Mrs. Lydia Pouliot spent the holiday week end at the White Mountains.

¶ Mrs. Rose Philibert was a grandmother once again. This makes Mrs. Lillian Russell and Mrs. Rose Lapointe aunts once again.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lamarre spent their vacation visiting places of interest along the Mohawk Trail and the rest of the time at a summer resort in Westfield.

¶ Mrs. Rose Emond and Mrs. Alice Lesveque spent the holiday week end at the White Mountains.

¶ Bob Taylor lost 20 lbs. lately. Are you on a diet or can it be love, Bob?

¶ We welcome to our department Mrs. T. Gagnon.

¶ Miss Alma Picard is back with us again. We are glad to see you back, Alma.

¶ Congratulations to Mrs. Delphine Boudria on the birth of a baby girl.

¶ Everyone wants to know how you acquired the lovely suntan, Rita?

CARDING DEPARTMENT — Fall River

REPORTER: *Beatrice Dupuis.*

¶ Both the first and second shifts wish to express their deepest sympathy to the Misses Rose and Mary Nichoau in their recent bereavement.

¶ Mrs. Bertha Thibault motored to Old Orchard Beach recently and she tells us that it's lots of fun to spend a few days in the cabins.

¶ One of the most pleasant newcomers to our department is Mrs. Josephine Szelag. She has a smile for everyone at all times. After all folks remember the old saying, "If there has been a day when you haven't had time to smile, then it has been a useless day."

¶ Mrs. Elizabeth Costa is working with us once again after a long period. Welcome back, Elizabeth.

¶ Margaret Joubert was a very lonely lady a few weeks ago. The reason is her husband was on his vacation and she was unable to go along. "Never again," said Margaret.

¶ If you are ever looking for Mrs. Sevigny or Mrs. Sullivan, you will always find them near the cupboard having a friendly little chat, just before starting time.

¶ Mrs. Mary Furtado has been out for a few days caring for her two children who have been sick.

¶ Miss Mary Paiva is to be married on the 30th of August. May we take this opportunity, Mary, to wish you the best of everything in the years that are to come.

¶ Every member of the Social Club is eagerly looking forward to the Annual Outing, which is to be held on the second Saturday in August. Here's hoping everyone has a grand time.

Dave Bishop

PLANT B CLOTH DEPT. — Fall River

REPORTER: *Ethel Marston.*

¶ Dot Barrowclough entertained a few of her friends at a housewarming recently. The girls presented Dot with a very lovely coffee table for which she was very much surprised. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Ann and Elna favored with a duet "The Hut-sut Song," Hannah and Edith gave a few readings and Gert and Amy did their Hula-Hula dance in native costume which was a riot. Irene and Betty gave an exhibition of Jitterbug dancing, and Hilda and Minnie imitated Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen. Gladys rendered several solos. The hostess served a very delightful luncheon and the party broke up at a late hour.

¶ Laura celebrated her fifteenth wedding anniversary last week by taking a trip to New York.

¶ Hannah had her vacation last week too, going over the Mohawk Trail and to Niagara Falls and had an enjoyable trip.

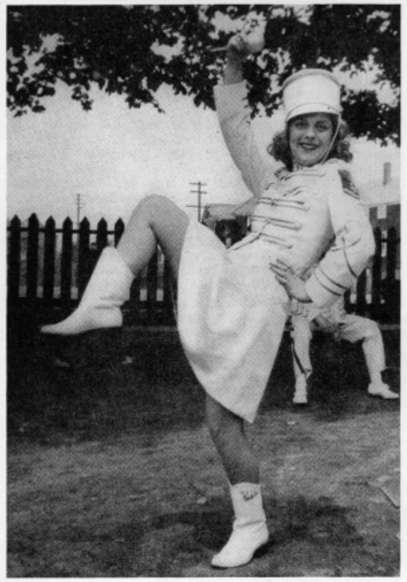
¶ Mae Donnelly is back to work again after being out several weeks with illness. We are glad to see her back.

¶ Betty has a new hobby. She is painting old furniture. So if you have anything that needs touching up just call 4283-W.

¶ Minnie and Gladys are both having their vacations this week. Hope they are having a good time. So far the weather has been terrible.

¶ Mr. Horne has gone to his summer home at Mattapoisett for the season. He has a very beautiful place among the pines.

¶ If you want to know what happened in front of the Army and Navy you will have to ask Gert for further particulars.



A bright future seems to be in store for this captivating young lady, Evelyn Pascal, niece of Fleming Rose, weaver on the first floor in mill A. Evelyn won first prize in majorettes in the 4th of July parade.

Mary Jane and Buddy, children of Roy Conner of the machine shop, and Genevieve Conner of B cloth room at Fall River.

Judith Hartman, daughter of Mrs. Olive Hartman of Fall River. Judith is 2½ years of age.

WEAVE ROOM MILL "B" — Fall River

REPORTER: *Phyllis LePage.*

¶ Rose and Simmie Gagnon spent their vacation in New York. They visited many of the sights and had a grand time.

¶ Leo Lamothe will have to put side-boards on his motor boat. His brother-in-law fell out when Leo was giving him a ride.

¶ We offer our deepest sympathy to Valida Roberts in the loss of her husband. Also, to Mary Teves in the loss of her mother.

¶ Lorraine Lord spent the week end in Boston. She visited the Beachcomber with three other couples, and many other places of interest.

¶ Anita Dubois spent the holiday week end with her mother in Pawtucket. Anita is very well known for the beautiful hand work she does.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. StLouis went to Long Pond for a short vacation. They enjoyed themselves so much, they intend to go back for another week, shortly.

¶ Rosiaro Martel, Donat Coderre and Leo Durand all marched with the home guard on July 4th. The way the fellows marched after such a short period of training brought exclamations of praise. We are proud to have some of our boys in the home guard.

¶ The employees of "B" Mill Weave Room were very sorry to learn of Mr. Erlbeck's retirement. He was very surprised when he was presented with a Hamilton wrist watch and a maple rocking chair, by his coworkers. Good Luck, Good Health, Mr. Erlbeck.

WEAVE ROOM MILL "A" — Fall River

REPORTER: *Leo Chabot.*

¶ Mr. and Mrs. John Cloudio and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ricardo who reported having had a lively time of it at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, recently, must be fully exonerated. Their conduct has been authoritatively praised instead of being condemned, and to all appearances the couples can remain proud of their first road trip.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dionne and Miss Beatrice Comeau and Bill motored to Vermont and New Hampshire over the Fourth of July week end.

¶ Wallace Coulombe, known to his slasher friends as "Mouse" is very much missed these days. Wally is recuperating from an appendicitis operation at the Truesdale Hospital.

¶ Lucien Vermette is quite popular with the girls on the 4th floor. It took him a long time to get acquainted, but anyway have you noticed his hair comb lately.

¶ We all had a pretty bad scare on July 9th, Eddie Sheehan, our elevator boy was absent from work. Did you have a headache Eddie, or did you go to the circus?

Dave Bishop

WHO'S WHO IN LEWISTON

HARRY J. VAUGHN, *Lewiston Editor*

MACHINE SHOP — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Carl Proctor.*

¶ John McDonald has put so much lead and nails into his boat he carries a life preserver just in case.
¶ Joe Bilodeau reports that his recent leg fracture is almost healed.
¶ The boss has rented a cottage at Taylor Pond.
¶ Lou Lucier was in New York State over the Fourth. He hails from down that way.
¶ The truth has just come out why Louis Caron uses such a small wood truck. The load looks bigger.
¶ Val Lacoursiere is piling up the miles on his new car.
¶ Axel Nielson has purchased a viewer and set of slides. If anything happens to the gasoline supply he can do his traveling right at home.
¶ Bryce Corbett is now employed at the shop. Formerly he lived in Mechanic Falls.

GREY ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Joseph Gorman.*

¶ The grey room and storehouse have combined their softball teams for the outing. They hope there will be some competition for them to play against, but they doubt it. The team is looking for a few practice games before the outing. Any team wishing to play them can get in touch with the manager, Fred Woodcock, in the grey room.
¶ Ida Vaillancourt's brother was home for a few days from Camp Blanding in Florida. Her sweetheart is now in the same regiment as her brother after being transferred from Camp Wheeler in Georgia. She hopes they become great friends.
¶ "Kid" Renaud, who was quite a second baseman for the St. Doms about ten years ago, has signed up to play softball with the future champs of the Outing Tournament.
¶ "Al" Gowell has taken up boating as a hobby. We should say it is a good one after seeing him with those good looking girls at Bear Pond recently.
¶ Bill Lacombe, one of the stars of the softball team, is on a two weeks' vacation. We hope he doesn't hurt his pitching arm.

OFFICE — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Thos. J. Anthoine.*

¶ Anita Fournier seems to be the champion lady golfer of our office. We understand that she is good enough to beat a lot of the male players.
¶ Margaret Welch has returned very much refreshed after her two weeks' vacation.
¶ If you wish to keep abreast of events in the present world war, consult Geneva Casey. She can tell you the reason behind every strategic move made by any of the armies.
¶ Bill Parker is recovering nicely from a minor surgical operation which was performed on the back of his neck.
¶ Emile LaPlante is still going around the local golf courses in a snappy 100.
¶ Lester Davis attended a recent carnival in Auburn where he was promised the thrill of a lifetime. He got it.
¶ Our best wishes to John Murphy who, we sincerely hope by the time these lines are read, will have returned from the Carney Hospital in Boston where he has been receiving treatment.
¶ Emily Leger has been getting around quite a bit since she got her new car.
¶ A recent visitor at our office was C. Ray Thompson, track coach at Bates College, and a brother of our own Edith Thompson.
¶ Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Egan are back on the job after a delightful vacation.
¶ Mary Wade and Kathleen Jackson have been busy with mid-summer activities of the Rosary Sodality.
¶ Harry Vaughn got quite a kick out of his first airplane ride with Pilot Don Shufeldt.

BOX SHOP — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Eugene Madden.*

¶ Babe Renaud's favorite song these days is, "I'll Never Smile Again." Babe is getting quite sick of the soup and dunked bread diet he is on.
¶ Alphonse Roberge spent the Fourth of July holidays visiting friends in Canada.
¶ Bill Parker, Sr., thinks that some Sunday during the summer his boy, Bill Jr., will let him take his own car for the day. Glad Bill, Sr., only thinks so. Wonder why young Bill needs the car all the time.
¶ Although he knows that the night air does not agree with him, Gene Moore took another chance and sat up to listen to the championship fight between Zivic and Davis and with the usual results, unable to work for a few days.
¶ Johnnie Coughlin who was heard speaking over station WCOU during the American Legion Convention, has received many letters congratulating him for his splendid radio voice. Johnnie is now looking for a sponsor.

A fine group picture of the Vachon family at Biddeford. Left to right in the front row is Gerard, Adrienne, Mrs. and Mr. Alphonse Vachon and Raymond. Back row is Lucien, Dona (employed in room 12-3), Joseph (shearer in the sheeting cloth room), Alphonse, Emile and Henry. Uncle Sam has called two of the boys, Henry being stationed in Georgia and Emile in Portland. Four others are eligible.

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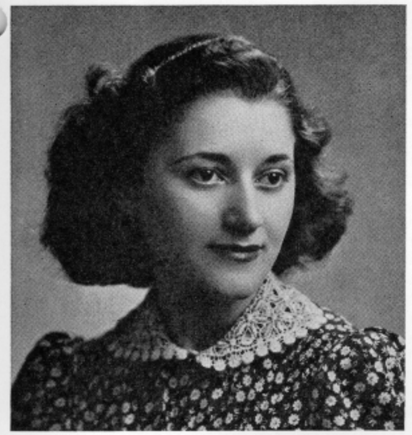


Therese Scontras, daughter of Gloria Scontras, a folder in the blanket cloth room at the Biddeford plant. Therese was graduated from the Old Orchard High School last June.

SHEET FACTORY — Lewiston

REPORTERS: *Blanche Sawyer and Olive Ward.*

¶ Arline Nadeau has returned from her trip to Canada. She says she had a very nice time.
¶ Don't tell the girls, or we won't be able to get through the crowd on the second floor to get a look at the ex-movie star. Believe it or not, girls, Hank Crowley *is* an ex-movie star.
¶ Lill Touchette says she went on her vacation but saw nothing about it in last month's Sheet. We beg pardon, and will tell you now that she had a very nice trip to Canada, but she's still yawning.
¶ Linnie Murtagh has returned from her trip to Canada, but Linnie looks rested, not like some others we know.
¶ If you don't believe us, ask Margaret about that "Dozen that doesn't dozen up."
¶ Emma Patry is at Old Orchard on her vacation. However, we won't be surprised if she winds up in Timbuctoo. Hope she has a good time wherever she is.
¶ Have you noticed that Mildred wears a belt these days. Ask her why.

Fed The Poultry Pop Corn

¶ Some one has started the rumor that our Bill Parkin is married, but we have it on the very best authority it is not our Bill but another of the same name.
¶ Will someone buy Maurice an alarm clock? He is always oversleeping. Maurice, what time do you go to bed nights? Or don't you?
¶ Middie has been on his vacation. He said he did not go away as the chickens would be lonesome. He did not say what "Chickens."
¶ Why is the song, "I'll Never Smile Again," a favorite of two of our inspectors?
¶ Why is Tony singing these days "You're in the Army Now" and why is Martha smiling all the time?
¶ Alberta is sorry Arline has moved away, but she is not sorry that "The Strawberry Blonde" went too.
¶ Sorry to hear that Kay Bourisk is ill. Hope she will soon be well enough to come back.
¶ Betty says she likes bows in her hair, but not on sheets.
¶ Lucy Begert is always looking for tickets. Wonder why?
¶ Carl is on his vacation and it is very lonesome here without him, isn't it?
¶ Will Lillian get slim with worry? Some of the inspectors have. Look at Irene H.
¶ Milly Lessard is spending her vacation away up in the country. Hope she won't have forgotten how they act in the city, when she comes back.
¶ Irma Prince's son called on us the other day and did he look nice in his uniform? Ask the girls.
¶ We have another newlywed in the Sheet Factory. Madeline has joined the ranks and she is now Mrs. Dumas. We hope we are right.
¶ Lorraine Lagassee and Tom St. Laurent are getting quite chummy. He buys her all her Coca-Cola.
¶ Celina Baril made quite a hit with some of our recent visitors.

Tom Cunliffe Making Mincemeat

¶ Jane Coady seems to be travelling to Old Orchard quite a bit lately. Wonder what the attraction is.
¶ Dot Simones is back to work again after a wonderful vacation with her husband and father. They toured to all the points of interest.
¶ The sweeper, Joe, has been promoted to the unit and likes his new job very much.
¶ Ellen Lane has entered the Hospital for treatment. We hope by the time the Sheet goes to press that she will be back with us, all well again.
¶ Gil St. Pierre is quite a lover of spaghetti. She has invited Teddy Cosgrove and some of the other girls up for a spaghetti feed in the near future.
¶ Rita Corriveau says she is glad to have half a day out occasionally, so that she can make an extra visit to the hospital to see her boy-friend.
¶ Rose Richard says she had better leave off eating green apples, as she is getting too fat and losing her girlish figure.
¶ Some of the girls look pretty classy with their hair in braids and wearing white ear rings.
¶ Tommy Cunliffe wishes Gertie Vaughn would bring in more green apples. Gertie says she thinks half-a-peck a day is enough for him.
¶ Lena Farrell and Lena Thomas spent a recent week end at Belfast, visiting friends and relatives.
¶ Belle Wales likes her new job very well.
¶ Mary Yeaton and Theresa McDonough are quite well pleased to think that they are aunts to twins.

Vacationed At Biddeford

¶ Teddy Cosgrove got quite a coat of tan at Old Orchard during her holiday vacation.
¶ Blanche Beaudette and Marianne Mailhot were presented with lovely gifts from their sheet room friends in honor of their approaching marriages.
¶ Bert Wood and wife, Nellie' had a wonderful vacation in Biddeford.
¶ Eva Choiniere has traded in her roadster for a five passenger sedan. She says she will be able to take more of her neighbors on picnics now.
¶ Helen Bonneau says that she has a position now and not a job.
¶ Bea Laflame made a recent visit to St. Anne, and brought home souvenirs to her friends.
¶ Ellen Cooper went to Massachusetts over the Fourth of July and while there went in bathing. The next week she blossomed out with a mouthful of salt water cold sores.
¶ Alice O'Kane spent a week's vacation in New Bedford and she says she had a wonderful time.
¶ Yvette McKenna has invited all her girl friends down to her new camp at Harpswell. Plenty of clams.
¶ All the night girls are interested in Mrs. Hitt, and hear from her often. They report that she is coming along fine at the Greenwood Mt. Sanatorium.
¶ The girls all miss Theresa Flynn since she has gone on days. Come back soon, Bridget.
¶ Myra Conley's green apple pies are wonderful.
¶ Annie Gousse had her new hat christened by a bird. She is glad it wasn't done by an eagle.

Dave Bishop

COLORED FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *John McKenna.*

¶ Pete Michaud is pulling for the Pastime Club to win the Twin City league baseball championship.
¶ Grace Cote spent a recent week end at Lard Pond.
¶ Carl Wood was a nightly attendant at the World of Mirth shows and reports plenty of entertainment for all tastes.
¶ The McKenna cottage at Harpswell has been a busy place these last few weeks. It seems Johnny has a lot of friends who like clams and Harpswell clams are the best in these parts. Johnny is also acting as a lifeguard at this popular resort.
¶ Margaret Kelly has been enjoying the cool breezes at Edgewater where the Kelly summer home is located.
¶ Ernie Frechette can be found at the St. Dom's field any evening the Saints are playing a home game. Some team, he says.
¶ Harry Berry acquired a beautiful sunburn during the recent haying season.
¶ Pauline is planning to enter several of the athletic events at the Bleachery outing at Bear Pond. If she does we predict that she will win her share of prizes.

STOREHOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Gerald Flynn.*

¶ Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will refrain from mentioning Caleb Alvin Long's name in this issue.
¶ Alphonse Lebrun is spending his vacation in Canada visiting relatives.
¶ Wally Tierny is very blue these days because the "Hallelua Club" has disbanded for the current season.
¶ Armand Verville is spending his long summer evenings attending the carnivals. P.S. Armand sure likes to ride on that merry-go-round.
¶ Dona Stevens and "Friend" journeyed to Cundys Harbor the other day for a clam-bake.
¶ The storehouse gang held their fifth annual outing at Bailey's Island on Saturday, July 26. Refreshments were served, games played and a general good time was had by all.

CAN ROOM — Lewiston

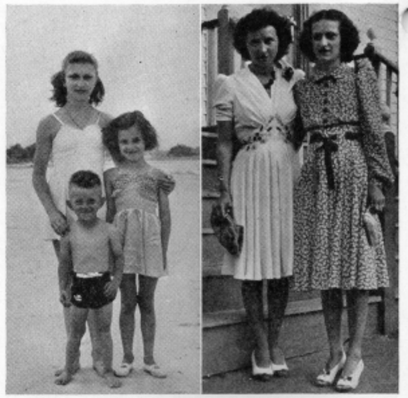
REPORTER: *Bob Tiner.*

¶ Henry Landry won the 100-yard-dash at the recent Holy Cross field day, proving that he has lost none of his old time prowess on the cinder path.
¶ Zio Dubois has been absent from local baseball diamonds this summer. His guardianship of the hot corner was one of the features of other baseball seasons.
¶ Johnny Hopkins' aggregation of youthful baseball players has been meeting with much success. Johnny must have succeeded in imparting some of his huge store of baseball knowledge to the boys.
¶ Iron Man Cooper met his match at the World of Mirth shows. Their strong man was too much for him.
¶ Chuck Buteau is finding it difficult to fill all the engagements which his Hawaiian stringed band has scheduled.

WHITE FINISHING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Roland Lacombe.*

¶ Eddie Vaughn is quite a gentleman when he is out of town. He is always ready to cooperate with the ladies and give them his room.
¶ If you were at Old Orchard the week end of the Fourth of July, you must have seen a brand new bathing suit on the beach. Who was in it? Oh yes, of course, Noella Morin.
¶ Should you ever want information about any place in New England or Canada, cities, rivers, etc., please address yourself to Miss Cecile Gosselin.
¶ For a razor-edge cut on your knife, patronize Conrad Nadeau. We sincerely recommend his work.



At one of the many beaches near Biddeford is Doris, 12, Reinette, 8, and Gerard, 3, children of Rose Gregoire, who is employed in the blanket cloth room.

Georgette Fecteau and Rose Gregoire of Biddeford. Mrs. Gregoire is a folder in the blanket cloth room, and her children are at the left.

YARD — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Paul Douglas.*

¶ Al Caron has returned from Athabaska where he enjoyed a delightful vacation.
¶ Armand "Big Boy" Breton expects to win the fat man's race at Bear Pond with the greatest of ease.
¶ Pete Sullivan visited us recently. He appeared to be slowly rounding into his old time form. Keep punching, Pete.
¶ Lucien Dutil was master of ceremonies at a field day held by Holy Cross Church. He kept the events going at a merry gait.
¶ Fred Robidoux is anxiously awaiting the opening of the new bus line. He plans to be the first passenger on the Webber Avenue loop.
¶ Lou Driscoll was disappointed in the Fritzie Zivic—Al Davis pugilistic encounter. He expected more fireworks.

NAPPING ROOM NO. 1 — Lewiston

REPORTER: *William Judson.*

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox visited Canada over the holidays, stopping at Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. Frank was favorably impressed with Canada's war effort.
¶ John Jopkins, Jr., was disappointed when his "Pop" was not elected to State Commander of the Legion.
¶ Joe Olivier, who goes riding a great deal with his relatives, believes that you should pay your way as you go—or don't go.
¶ Lawrence Rhoades is going to buy a new camera with his bonus money.
¶ Some of the boys on the second shift claim they are going to stuff their ears with cotton when Joe Poulin gets back from his vacation.
¶ Art Michaud has been located at last. He is now working at Poland Springs.
¶ If you want to find Dutil at a carnival, just visit the hula, hula side shows.
¶ Stanly Smith is a busy man these days. When Stan has a few hours to himself he can be found usually at Sabattus.
¶ Roland Bergeron, who quit his job, is now working at the Fitz Last Factory.
¶ Ernest Giroux who filled in during vacation time for the bosses did a good job.

Dave Bishop

one-third the total cost of producing cotton-textiles, this has meant that manufacturers have had to increase their prices to cover the increased cost of the most important raw material used to make cloth.

Keep in mind then that there has been, within the last few months, a more or less artificial increase in the price of raw cotton, as one of the very important changes that has occurred.

Now for the second one.

The war has greatly increased the demand for all kinds of goods, and naturally it has greatly increased the demand for cotton-textiles. This has brought about a shortage of all kinds of cloth. There has been at the same time an increase in wage costs, together with increases in raw cotton that have already been mentioned. As a result of all these things, the price of finished cotton goods has increased to cover the increases in raw material and labor costs. This is only natural.

Mr. Leon Henderson of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, has for a number of reasons felt that the price of finished cloth should not become too high. He feels that it is wise and necessary to keep the price of cotton cloth as stable as possible; so, to carry out this idea he has issued what are commonly called "price-ceilings". These are prices above which no manufacturer is allowed to sell his cloth to anyone.

At the present time, these price ceilings apply to print cloths, to narrow sheetings to combed broadcloths and to a number of other miscellaneous fabrics. It is possible however that they will apply to many other fabrics, including sheets, in the future.

As a result of fixing these maximum prices for cloth, most manufacturers have found that increased manufacturing costs of the past few months have made the costs of producing cloth well above the prices at which it could be produced in the past. In many cases prices that have been set by the Government make it necessary for manufacturers to sell their goods at prices that are dangerously close to the actual costs of production. This is especially true of manufacturers in New England where the type of cloth sold is generally of a higher grade and price than that sold elsewhere.

Here then are two forces pressing on the manufacture of cloth. There is the force of the increased price of raw cotton pushing prices of cloth up, and there is the force of Mr. Henderson's measure pushing the price at which the cloth can be sold down. In the middle are the other costs that go into making cloth, such things as wages, normal profits, general operating expenses, and greatly increased taxes. If the pressure from the bottom increases, and the pressure from the top increases, normal profits, wages and operating expenses will be put in a "squeeze" that can be serious.

It is too early to see what the outcome of these two forces will be, but it is highly important to know of them and to watch which way they move.

David A. Cook

Mill Manager

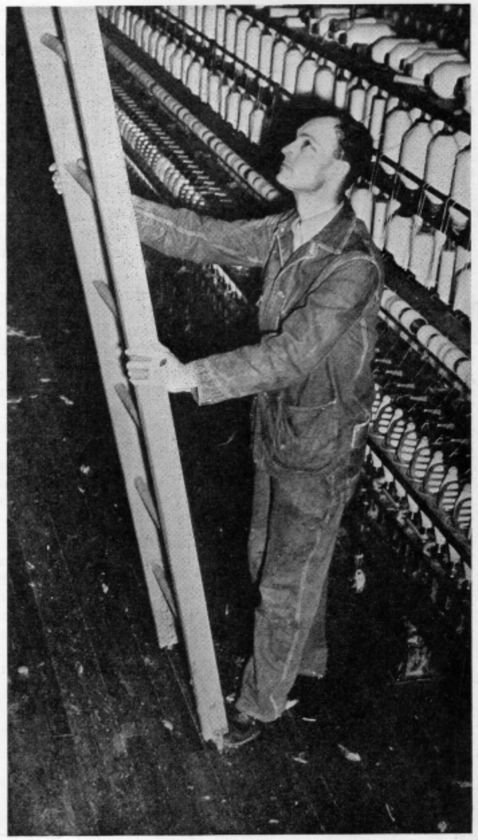
Dave Bishop

LOOK BEFORE YOU WEEP

WATCH OUT FOR SLIPPERY FLOORS, OBSTACLES ON FLOORS—PREVENT INJURIOUS FALLS

When you get up on a high building and look down, there's no question but that a fall would be pretty serious. But the falls that you can get right near the floor can be just as serious and, because you aren't so careful as you would be if you were at a great height, you seldom see the dangers of falling.

There are a lot of simple dangers around the mill that you want to watch out for, and they all come under the head of "falls." You can trip over a bobbin or a box on the floor, over a tool, or a projecting piece of machinery. The fall you can get when you're right on the floor can be pretty serious.

When you are working on a ladder, or on any high place, be sure the ladder is firmly set so it won't slip, be sure your footing is secure, and the scaffolding is strong. And use the same care when there seems to be no danger of falling.

A little care will avoid a lot of discomfort.